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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVES OF PORTUGAL, THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

We have the honour to forward herewith a joint statement of the observer countries to the Angolan peace process issued on 1 November 1994 in our respective capitals on the occasion of the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol.

We should be grateful if you could kindly arrange to have this statement circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pedro CATARINO
Permanent Representative
of Portugal to the
United Nations

(Signed) Sergei V. LAVROV
Permanent Representative
of the Russian Federation
to the United Nations

(Signed) Madeleine K. ALBRIGHT
Permanent Representative
of the United States of America
to the United Nations

Annex

Statement dated 1 November 1994 by the observer countries to the Angolan peace process on the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol

Upon the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol, the observer countries to the Angolan peace process (Portugal, Russian Federation and United States of America) express their satisfaction that, following lengthy negotiations, political dialogue has triumphed over the force of arms in Angola. The Lusaka peace talks provide an eloquent example of international cooperation for peaceful conflict resolution.

The observer countries thank the Government of the Republic of Angola and the leadership of the Union for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA), as well as their respective delegations, for their efforts throughout these negotiations and commend them for the commitment and determination with which they have met the deep aspirations of all Angolans for a just, durable and stable peace in Angola.

The observer countries consider the initialling of the Lusaka Protocol an important step towards national reconciliation and declare their readiness to continue to assist the parties to achieve a lasting peace.

The observer countries exhort the parties on an urgent basis to refrain from all hostile military activities and thereby establish the conditions of peace necessary to permit the rapid deployment of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission II (UNAVEM II) to full strength as recently authorized by the United Nations Security Council.

The observer countries express confidence that the necessary conditions can be established to permit the rapid deployment of the peace-keeping force and call upon the international community to make every effort to advance implementation of the Lusaka Protocol.

The observer countries thank the United Nations Security Council and the Secretary-General of the United Nations for their close collaboration and exemplary support. The observer countries also praise the efforts of the Special Representative of the Secretary-General, Mr. Alioune Blondin Beye, without whose determined, intelligent and effective mediation the Lusaka Protocol would not have been possible.

The observer countries thank the Zambian authorities for their hospitality, as well as their efforts - together with those of various other countries of the subregion - which contributed at important moments in the negotiations.

Finally, the observer countries exhort the Government of Angola and the leadership of UNITA to fulfil understandings prior to the formal signature of the Lusaka Protocol to create a favourable climate for its full application.

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LETTER DATED 31 OCTOBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

As the representative of the State chairing the statutory organs of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), I hereby have the honour to transmit to you the decision extending the tour of duty of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan, the decision extending the validity of the decision by the Council of CIS Heads of State on measures to stabilize the situation along the sector of the State border of the Republic of Tajikistan and Afghanistan and the decision appointing a commander of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone, all of which were adopted at the meeting of the Council of CIS Heads of State in Moscow on 21 October 1994 (see annexes I-III).

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and the annexes to it circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) S. LAVROV

Annex I

Decision of 21 October 1994 extending the tour of duty of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan

The Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS),

Welcoming the Agreement on a Temporary Cease-Fire and Suspension of Other Hostilities on the Tajik-Afghan Border and Inside the Country, signed at Tehran on 17 September 1994,

Mindful of the statement by the parties concerning their commitment to political methods for resolving contentious issues,

Simultaneously expressing its concern at the continued risk of the conflict in Tajikistan spreading and becoming international in character,

Noting the stabilizing role played by the Collective Peace-keeping Forces, which have refrained from engaging in widescale armed clashes, ensured the security and tranquillity of the non-combatant population and established appropriate conditions for continuing inter-Tajik dialogue,

In connection with the appeal by the Head of State and Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Republic of Tajikistan,

Has decided:

To extend the tour of duty of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan to 30 June 1995 in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Agreement on Collective Peace-keeping Forces and the Start of Their Operations dated 24 September 1993;

To extend the powers of the commander of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Republic of Tajikistan with regard to the command and control of the assigned units and subunits.

Done at Moscow on 21 October 1994 in a single authentic copy in the Russian language. The authentic copy shall be kept in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall send a certified copy to each State that signed the Decision.

For the Azerbaijani Republic
(Signed) H. ALIYEV

For the Republic of Armenia
(Signed) L. TER-PETROSSIAN

For the Republic of Belarus
(Signed) A. LUKASHENKA

For the Republic of Georgia
(Signed) E. SHEVARDNADZE

For the Republic of Kazakhstan
(Signed) N. NAZARBAEV

For the Republic of Kyrgyzstan
(Signed) A. AKAYEV

For the Republic of Moldova

For the Russian Federation
(Signed) B. YELTSIN

For the Republic of Tajikistan
(Signed) E. RAKHMONOV

For Turkmenistan

For the Republic of Uzbekistan
(Signed) I. KARIMOV

For Ukraine

Annex II

Decision of 21 October 1994 extending the validity of the decision by the Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on measures to stabilize the situation along the sector of the State border of the Republic of Tajikistan and Afghanistan

On the basis of the existing situation on the Tajik-Afghan sector of the border, the Council of Heads of State of the Commonwealth of Independent States

Has decided:

To extend to the end of 1995 the validity of the decision by the Council of CIS Heads of State on measures to stabilize the situation along the sector of the State border of the Republic of Tajikistan and Afghanistan dated 22 January 1993.

Done at Moscow on 21 October 1994 in a single authentic copy in the Russian language. The authentic copy shall be kept in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall send a certified copy to each State that signed the Decision.

For the Azerbaijani Republic
(Signed) H. ALIYEV

For the Republic of Armenia
(Signed) L. TER-PETROSSIAN

For the Republic of Belarus
(Signed) A. LUKASHENKA

For the Republic of Georgia
(Signed) E. SHEVARDNADZE

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For the Republic of Tajikistan
(Signed) E. RAKHMONOV

For Turkmenistan

For the Republic of Uzbekistan
(Signed) I. KARIMOV

For Ukraine

Annex III

Decision dated 21 October 1994 appointing a commander of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone

The signatory States to the present Decision,

Basing their position on the Decision by the Heads of State of the members of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS) on the utilization of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone,

Have decided:

To appoint Major General Vasily Ivanovich Yakushev as Commander of the Collective Peace-keeping Forces in the Georgian-Abkhaz conflict zone.

Done at Moscow on 21 October 1994 in a single authentic copy in the Russian language. The authentic copy shall be kept in the archives of the Government of the Republic of Belarus, which shall send a certified copy to each State that signed the Decision.

For the Azerbaijani Republic
(Signed) H. ALIYEV

For the Republic of Armenia
(Signed) L. TER-PETROSSIAN

For the Republic of Belarus
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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF TURKEY TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

I have the honour to inform you, in your capacity as President of the Security Council for November, that as a troop-contributing country to the peace-keeping operations of the United Nations, Turkey attaches great importance to the initiative launched by the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and New Zealand to the United Nations (S/1994/1063), regarding the improvement of the consultation procedures between the Security Council and the troop-contributing countries.

Turkey welcomes the recent steps taken to improve the current system by providing for closer and more frequent consultations between the troop-contributing countries, the members of the Security Council and the Secretariat. However, we believe that the process of improving consultation procedures should be further developed and institutionalized.

For this reason, I would like to express my Government's full support for the joint initiative of Argentina and New Zealand, which I am sure will receive full consideration by the Security Council.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) İnal BATU
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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LETTER DATED 1 NOVEMBER 1994 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF PORTUGAL TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE PRESIDENT OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL

Peace-keeping today is for the United Nations a constant and widespread reality. It has brought to life a previously almost dormant set of objectives under the Charter of the United Nations concerning the role of this Organization in the maintenance of international peace and security. The organ primarily responsible for peace-keeping is, without a doubt, the Security Council. Its prerogatives in this field are unassailable. But peace-keeping has evolved into an activity that requires the dynamic and complex management of many multifaceted operations simultaneously in very different parts of the world. In this task, the Security Council and the Secretariat can only benefit from the support and commitment of other Member States, especially from those that today send most of the forces that make up United Nations peace-keeping operations but who do not necessarily sit on the Council.

In this context, we have looked at the proposals contained in a letter addressed to you by the Permanent Representatives of Argentina and New Zealand to the United Nations dated 15 September 1994 (S/1994/1063) and would like to express our support for the ongoing discussions in the Council on procedures for consultations between members of the Security Council, the Secretariat, troop contributors and other countries.

We believe that the current practice of bringing together the members of the Security Council, the Secretariat and troop contributors for informal consultations should be continued and enhanced in order to provide a useful and efficient forum for the exchange of views on the different and ever-changing challenges that each peace-keeping operation inevitably faces. For example, any alteration in the political, military or logistical situation in a particular case will be dealt with far more effectively if those who mandate operations, those who run them and those who contribute forces to the same operations are able to come together and consult quickly and efficiently.

Furthermore, it is our opinion that such a practice of consultations should be activated before the launching of peace-keeping operations. This will also help, among other things, to gauge whether the level of commitment to contribute forces matches the needs of any given operation. As others have already

mentioned, we believe that a greater access to a consultative process for peace-keeping will permit those of us who assign men and women for service with the United Nations better to inform our public. Their support for what we are doing is ultimately indispensable.

I would be grateful if the present letter were circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Pedro CATARINO
Ambassador
Permanent Representative of Portugal
to the United Nations